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SUBJECT: USA--USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT:
PROJECT V-2.1, PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM
DR. R. SKOOG, INTERIOR, TO DR. V. DENISOV, MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO DR. YU. KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

2. DEAR DR. DENISOV:

DR. KLEIN, USA LEADER FOR ACTIVITY A-4 (ECOLOGY AND
MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTICATED AND WILD REINDEER) HAS MADE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEIVING THREE-MAN SOVIET DELEGATION IN
ALASKA 17 AUGUST THROUGH 5 SEPTEMBER, 1975. UNDERSTAND
THAT USSR SPECIALISTS WILL INCLUDE DR. ZABRODIN,
DR. ANDREEV, AND ONE WILD-REINDEER SPECIALIST. PROPOSED
ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. ARRIVAL IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. DELEGATION WILL BE MET
BY JAMES HEMMING, US BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND
INTERPRETER RAISA PETROFF; TWO DAYS.

B. THREE DAYS AT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK TO VIEW RESEARCH STATION AND RANGE-VEGETATION OF LOCAL WILD-REINDEER HERD.

C. THREE DAYS AT UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS; KLEIN ALSO PLANNING FOR DISCUSSION ON REINDEER DISEASES BETWEEN DRS. ZABRODIN, NEILAND, AND RAUSCH AT THAT TIME.

D. FOUR DAYS FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF WILD-REINDEER RANGES AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN ARCTIC: BROOKS RANGE AND NORTH SLOPE.

E. FOUR DAYS OBSERVATION OF REINDEER HERDING AND MANAGEMENT ON SEWARD PENINSULA.

F. ONE DAY AT NUNIVAK ISLAND.

G. TWO DAYS AT ANCHORAGE TO ASSESS TRIP AND LAY PLANS FOR FUTURE COOPERATIVE WORK.

3. DR. KLEIN WILL EXPECT SOVIET DELEGATION TO ARRIVE AND DEPART VIA ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. THEY MUST HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR LODGING AND FOOD. IN ADDITION THEY POSSIBLY WILL NEED MONEY TO PAY FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION TO VARIOUS CITIES IN ALASKA, SUCH AS, BARROW, FAIRBANKS, NOME, AND BACK TO ANCHORAGE. WE ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE USE OF CHARTER AIRPLANES, BUT THIS IS NOT FIRM YET; IF SUCCESSFUL THEN WE WILL PAY COST OF CHARTER. I RECOMMEND THAT EACH MEMBER OF DELEGATION HAVE AT LEAST ONE-THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED DOLLARS TO COVER THESE VARIOUS COSTS. HOTEL AND FOOD COSTS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE IN ALASKA NOW BECAUSE OF PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AMEMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND MYSELF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION; ALSO, WHETHER OR NOT ITINERARY IS ACCEPTABLE. WITH BEST WISHES, SKOOG INGERSOLL
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